

NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

1) Reading comprehension. Read the text and do the exercises which follow.

My favorite things

A – Tom

My favourite thing is my new tablet. It's quite small and it's got Wi-Fi, so I take it with me everywhere. I'm always writing messages to friends and it's got a big screen so I can use it to do my homework. It takes really good photos, and I play games and listen to music with it, of course. I often download films and watch them in bed. My mum says I'm addicted, because I'm always using it. I even read things on it at breakfast time. I'm not allowed to use it at dinner time, though. I have to be polite and talk to people then. "Welcome back to real life," my mum says.



B – Katie

My favourite thing? Does my cat count as a thing? She's not really a thing, but anyway. She's a really beautiful little cat. She was four months old when I adopted her. Cats are really independent and hardly talk to you, but my cat is like a person. She always knows if I'm happy or sad. She's really affectionate and funny and comes to say hello to me as soon as I get home, purring away like mad. She's very colourful, her fur is black, white and orange. She loves sitting comfortably and relaxing. She's great company.



C – James



What's my favourite thing? That's easy, it is my bike. I'm really into cycling and I've got a fantastic bike. My parents gave it to me as a present a few years ago for my birthday but it's really good. I got out cycling nearly every day and at weekends I love to go cycling in the city with my friends. The only problem is that car drivers in the street aren't polite and I need to be really careful and try to ride it slow.

D – Fiona

On my last birthday my parents gave me a fantastic camera which is my favourite thing. It takes amazing photos and when I go out, I always take it with me. I take photos of everything, people, animals, my friends and nature. I also participate in competitions and it's great fun. Something really good about this camera is that you can connect to the internet and upload your pictures into Instagram! I think when I finish school I want to work as a photographer on a newspaper or magazine.

A) Read about these teenagers favourite things. For questions 1-10 choose from the paragraphs A-D. You can choose the paragraph more than once.

Which thing.....

was a birthday present?

1. ☐ 2. ☐

can connect to the internet?

3. ☐ 4. ☐

is funny?

5. ☐

is practical to take everywhere?

6. ☐ 7. ☐

is colourful?

8. ☐

can take photos?


9. ☐ 10. ☐

B) Answer the questions.

1. When is Tom not allowed to use his tablet?
2. What does Katie's cat do when she gets home?
3. Why does James need to be careful when he rides his bike?
4. What's your favourite thing? Why?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

1) Multiple choice.

1. I love spending time _____ home and relaxing.
a. at b. in c. on
2. My best friend has a very creative hobby, he _____ cakes and then we eat them!!!
a. plays b. bakes c. draws
3. People don't use _____ to make phone calls anymore, they prefer their mobile phones.
a. letters b. landlines c. text messages
4. My mobile phone is really _____ to me, I can do everything with it.
a. easily b. quiet c. useful
5. A: Hello, is that Jane?
B: I'm afraid _____.
a. can you speak up? b. you've got the wrong number c. I haven't got credit
6. J.K Rowling last book is _____. I couldn't stop reading!!
a. boring b. poor c. brilliant
7. There is a wonderful _____ at the modern art museum at the moment.
a. exhibition b. building c. museum
8. In this picture, the man is _____ a ball. _____ 
a. climbing b. picking up c. walking on
9. David is a _____ firefighter. He helps people who are in danger.
a. volunteer b. explorer c. photographer
10. It's _____ to take photos of people without their permission.
a. patient b. comfortable c. rude

3) Complete the dialogue

Fiona and Sam are talking about Fiona's new Freezolux smart fridge.

- Sam: Hi Fiona! (1)_____?
- Fiona: Hi Sam! I'm looking at some photos. (2)_____?
- Sam: Yes, sure. Wow, this photo is wonderful!!!
- Fiona: Yeah, I love it too!!!
- Sam: Your camera is amazing!!! (3)_____?
- Fiona: My parents bought it last month.
- Sam: (4)_____?

Fiona: Yes, it was really expensive!!!

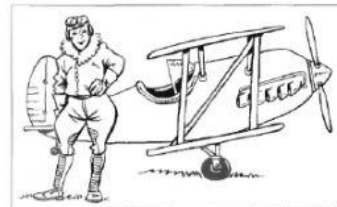
Sam: It's wonderful. (5) _____?

Fiona: Yes, you can zoom, you can send photos to a printer or you can upload the photos to Instragam!

Sam: I'm telling my mum; maybe she can buy one for me, too!!!!

4) Fill in the blanks using the words in the box. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

Amelia Earhart: the woman who flew across the Atlantic Ocean



Seventy years ago, Amelia Earhart (1) _____ America's favourite woman. In 1932, she flew across the Atlantic Ocean alone, with no co-pilot: the first woman to do this.

Her (2) _____ started in Newfoundland, Canada: (3) _____ fifteen hours, her Lockheed Vega airplane arrived in Londonderry, Ireland. People all over the world wanted to meet this (4) _____ woman. She met King George V of England and became friends with the US President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. The American people (5) _____ her.

Five years later, Amelia tried to fly around the world. An American University gave her \$50,000 for a new Lockheed Electra airplane. On the (6) _____ of July 2nd 1937, Amelia (7) _____ her co-pilot, Fred Noonan left Lae, in New Guinea, and began (8) _____ trip to Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean.

On July the 3rd 1937, the American ship *Itasca* received a (9) _____ message from Amelia: a few minutes later her plane disappeared. American ships spent nearly two weeks looking for the plane, (10) _____ they found nothing.

after	journey	radio	their	loved	was
were	morning	brave	but	into	and

5) Rephrasing. Re-write the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use between 2 and 5 words. Use the word at the end of the line. Do not change the word.

1. We can't use mobile phones in class. (**allow**)

The teacher _____ mobile phones in class.

2. Compared to young people, adults don't spend much time using their mobile phones. (**less**)

Compared to young people, adults _____ using their mobile phones.

3. English is OK for me. (**mind**)

I _____ English.

4. I started to watch TV at 5. I finished at 8. (**was**)

At 7 I _____ TV.

5. The collection had 30 pictures. (**were**)

There _____ in the collection.

- 6) **Writing ability. Choose ONE of the options and write a description. Use between 80 - 90 words.**

A)

Write a description of a friend. Include the following information:

- Personal information: name/age/nationality
- Physical appearance / personality
- Routines / activities you do together
- What was the last thing you did.

B)

Write a description of your favourite room. Include:

- the size of the room.
- the position of the furniture.
- the colour, age, size of the furniture.
- the things on the walls.
- some of the things on the tables and shelves.
- your favourite things in the room.
- Why it is your favourite.

Writing: